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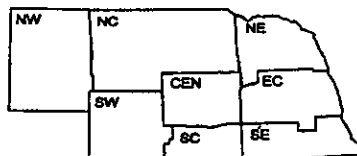
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WEATHER

Temperatures in the western third of the State averaged near normals while the central and eastern sections of the State averaged seven to ten degrees below normals for the week.

GENERAL

Cold temperatures along with snow cover in many areas have limited producer activities during December, according to the Nebraska Statistics Service. If these conditions persist, hay supplies could dwindle quickly due to the necessity of supplemental feeding. In areas where snow accumulations were not a problem for livestock, severe winds created producer concerns. Farm activities included preparing taxes, attending meetings, and livestock care.

CROPS

Winter Wheat crop rated 1% very poor, 10% poor, 51% fair, 30% good, and 8% excellent. Reports indicated limited snow cover in the Panhandle and southwestern districts with some wheat damage due to high winds.

Hay and forage supplies were mostly short to adequate, while feed grain supplies were mostly adequate.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Cattle and calves condition rated 2% very poor, 3% poor, 42% fair, 49% good, and 4% excellent. Producers were using stalk fields where possible, but hay and grain feeding was necessary in most areas. With the earlier start and continued need for haying cattle, supplies were being reduced and hay prices are rising.

SUPPLIES OF FEED GRAINS AND HAY AND FORAGE AS OF DECEMBER 29, 2000	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST REPORT	LAST YEAR
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE			
Depth of Snow - in inches	.3	0.0	8.0	2.0	6.0	0.0	2.5	9.0	3.1	n/a	n/a
Feed Grains - Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	0	7	n/a	0
(Percent) - Short	0	0	0	45	0	7	0	0	8	n/a	1
- Adequate	100	100	100	55	30	60	0	75	69	n/a	72
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	70	0	100	25	16	n/a	27
Hay and Forage - Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	15	34	0	8	n/a	0
(Percent) - Short	21	15	10	82	30	42	39	33	41	n/a	2
- Adequate	79	85	90	18	70	43	27	67	51	n/a	85
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	13

n/a = not available.

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA
FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2000

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	47	1	23	---	0
	Scottsbluff	47	0	22	-2	T
	Sidney	52	7	24	---	T
NC	Valentine	47	1	22	+2	T
NE	Norfolk	38	-3	13	-7	T
	Sioux City	27	-16	7	-11	T
CEN	Grand Island	40	2	15	-8	.11
	Ord	42	3	17	---	T
EC	Lincoln	38	-2	12	-10	.08
	Omaha	30	-5	10	-12	T
SW	Imperial	56	8	25	---	T
	North Platte	55	4	22	0	T

Source: National Weather Service Forecast Office, Valley, NE

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